THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Liabilities of drug companies to pay into the DPEA

*126. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 364 given in Rajya Sabha on 30th April, 1992 and state;

(a) whether it is a fact that liabilities of certain drug companies to pay into the DPEA have since been revised;

(b) what is the liability of each company as on date and in case the liability has been revised, what was the earlier liability;

(c) how often the liability has been revised, on what considerations and date of each such revision; and

(d) what is the position of recovery into the DPEA so far year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) There has been no revision in the liabilities of any company after 30th April, 1992.

(b) to (d) The information regarding liability of each company as on date along with the position of recoveries into DPEA is given in Annexure. [*See* Appendix CLXIV, Annexure No. 17]. The information regarding revision of liability carried out before 30th April, 1992 is given in Annexure. [*See* Appendix CLXIV, Annexure No. 18] along with relevant details.

Exit policy

*127. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken by Government to impress upon the labour community in the country that the exit policy envisaged in the New Industrial Policy is not against the interests of the labour class; and

(b) the number of new industries which have been proposed with foreign investments in the year 1991-92 and 1992-93 (upto June, 1992)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Under the New Industrial Policy, Government has ensured that the interest of labour would be fully protected. In order to ensure this, a National Renewal Fund has been set up. The objectives and details of the National Renewal Fund have been conveyed to the Labour Leaders in the tripartite committee meetings convened by the Ministry of Labour.

(b) In 1991, 289 approvals were given for foreign investment in India. In 1992 (upto June 1992), 317 approvals have been given.

Increase in information and broadcasting facilities in Madhya Pradesh

*128. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to increase the information and broadcasting facilities in Madhya Pradesh in the near future;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have any proposals to link Madhya Pradesh

with satellite system and open mini media centres in the State;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) by when the State is likely to be linked by Satellite and mini media centres opened in Madhya Pradesh?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (e) The relevant information relating to various media units of this Ministry is given below:

PRESS INFORMATION BUREAU

The Press Information Bureau envisages to revive its offices at Jabalpur and Raipur in Madhya Pradesh during the VIII Plan period. Besides, Bureau's Regional Office at Bhopal and Branch Office at Indore are proposed to be linked through satellite link of National Informatics Centre (NIC). Satellite based communication set-up has already been started in Bhopal and is being tested. Regular traffic will commence in due course. Similarly, for the office at Indore, necessary computer hardware has been procured and site preparation is, at present, under way. After preparation of site and installation of computer equipment it will be connected to the District Centre of the NIC from where it will be further connected to PIB headquarters through satellite.

It is also envisaged to open Mini Media Centres at all the Branch Offices of the Bureau including those in Madhya Pradesh during the VIII Plan Period.

ELECTRONIC MEDIA

Insofar as All India Radio and Doordarshan are concerned, there are a number of on-going schemes for expanding the existing All India Radio and Doordarshan facilities in the State. The details are indicated below:—

ALL INDIA RADIO

(i) Three new Radio Stations with 2x3 KW FM transmitters at Guna, Balaghat and Sagar.

(ii) Upgradation of the power of the existing 2 nos. of 1 KW MW Transmitters and 10 KW SW Transmitters at Bhopal to 10 KW MW, 3 KW FM and 50 KW SW respectively.

DOORDARSHAN

(i) Fullfledged TV Studio Centre at Bhopal and a Programme Generation Facility (PGF) Centre at Raipur.

(ii) One high power (10 KW) TV transmitter at Jabalpur.

(iii) 2 low power TV transmitters one each at Datia and Jaora.

(iv) 2 very low power TV transmitters one each at Kukadeshwar and Parasia.

It is envisaged to set up high power TV transmitters in replacement of the existing low power TV transmitters at Guna and Ambikapur subject to availability of resources and *inter-se* priorities.

It is also envisaged to link all high power/low power TV transmitters in the State with Doordarshan Kendra, Bhopal *via* satellite mode of linkage for which a satellite uplink earth station is at an advanced stage of implecentation. The introduction of regional TV service will, however, depend upon the availability of adequate space segment capacity.

Opening of captive coal mines

*129. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has decided to allow coal consuming industries to open captive coal mines; and